

Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council 2021 Highlights

Joined the Statewide Texas Electric Transportation Resources Alliance (TxETRA) Initiative For Carbon Reduction and Air Quality Improvement as an Advisory Board Member

- Helped to draft the Electric Transportation Act for Texas Legislature (HB 2221)
- Successful efforts to defeat a mileage fee on Electric Vehicles (EV's)
- Clarified retail electric sale definition to exclude EV's (SB 1202)
- Worked to facilitate the Joint Travis-Bexar County Compact on Electric Vehicles
- Submitted Compact on Electric Vehicles to Regional Jurisdictions For Consideration
- Helping to develop interim charges on EV's for 2023 Texas Legislative Session

Drafted Concept Document and Initiated an IH-10-to-IH-10 East/West Freight Movement, Origin & Destination, Capacity Constraints, and Freight Chokepoint Study With TxDOT/COA

- Response to supply-chain issues due to changing AUS-SAT manufacturing bases
- Originally part of larger IH-10 Houston-El Paso Study, now a stand-alone study
- TxDOT requested Corridor Council to form manufacturers' advisory committee
- Proposed Fall, 2021 Launch Date via TxDOT Engineering Contract

Joint advocacy (w/North Texas COG/MPO) of New Funding Solution to IH-35 Capital Expressway

Regional Tracking Effort On COVID-19, Related Economic Recovery & Traffic Issues

Testimony & advocacy letters to Federal officials for IH-35/Loop 1604 funding in SAT

Helped Advance, Testified On HB 391(Israel) to allow more telecommuting by state employees

Initiated Get There ATX! Movability Project Partnership with Texas State University/San Marcos

"Greening IH-35 Urban Canopy Project" between AUS-SAT, Introduced in Hays County

Drafted AMTRAK Service Expansion Strategy & Advocacy Documents for AUS-SAT commuter rail

- Response to Federal Funding Proposal for AMTRAK expansion in Texas
- Leverages previous engineering, ridership & feasibility studies
- Makes competitive case for AUS-SAT over other potential routes
- Exploring Private Sector Alternatives for High-Capacity AUS-SAT Transit

Preserved local State-Granted Regional Rail Planning Authorities from Sunset Review

Planning for 4th event in 'Connected/Autonomous Vehicles Workshops' Series (COVID-delayed)

Supported Successful Funding Effort to Repair/Replace Failed Guadalupe River Dams

Negotiated New Office Lease/Partnership With Texas State University

Resolved issues regarding AUS-SAT joint MSA-area designation from US Census Bureau